

Exemplar Poetry – “Celebration”

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I shall dance tonight.
When the dusk comes crawling,
There will be dancing
 and feasting.

I shall dance with the others
 in circles,
 in leaps,
 in stomps.

Laughter and talk
Will weave into the night,
Among the fires
 of my people.

Games will be played
And I shall be
a part of it.

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